scenario and the availability of resources, the Government takes all appropriate measures to ensure effective Defence preparedness.

Recovery of Gelatine

4275. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tonnes of gelatine had been taken away from a Government godown in Belgaum; if so, the steps taken and success achieved in recovery thereof; and

(b) whether gelatine and other explosives have been recovered from various places; if so, the details thereof during the last three months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No report about gelatine being taken away from a Defence godown in Belgaum, has been received.

(b) The question does not arise.

Disinvestment of PSUs

@4276. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) who have disinvested a part of their equity capital during the last five years with details of number of equity shares so disinvested their fact value and the price at which each such share disinvested; PSU-wise details thereof;

(b) the names of Stock Exchanges in which such shares have been listed and the respective dates of listing of such shares PSU-wise and relevant stock Exchange-wise details;

(c) the present quotations of the said shares on leading stock exchanges, share-wise and stock exchange-wise details;

(d) the number of share lodged for transfer with each of the said PSUs since their disinvestment up-to-date; month-wise details;

(e) whether the said PSUs have appointed any Registrars and Transfer Agents (RTAs) for handling the huge volume of such transfer work; if so, the names and addresses of these RTAs each PSU-wise and their respective dates of appointment; and

(f) the details of remuneration to be paid by the said PSUs to their so appointed RTA, each RTA-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Government disinvested during 1991-92 and 1992-93 a part of its equity holdings in selected PSUs, the PSUs did not disinvest any part of their equity.

(b) to (f) Do not arise, in view of above.

Manufacture of salt in Himachal Pradesh

@@4277. SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have launched a project to manufacture salt by modern technology in the Drung area of the Mandi District of Himachal Pradesh as the percentage of iodine content in the rock-salt of that area is in abundance;

(b) if so, the dates when this project was launched and undertaken by Government;

(c) the details of the amount provided and spent year-wise; and

(d) the latest position with regard to the said mining?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Rock-Salt at Mandi does not contain iodine. However, exploratory work for proving rock-salt deposits at Mandi for establishing a solution Mining cum salt refinery project was taken up by Hindustan Salts Ltd. in 1989-90 in association with Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd.

(c) A sum of Rs. 50 lakhs was provided to Hindustan Salts Ltd. in 1989-90. The amount spent year-wise is as under:—

@Previously Unstarred Question 2646, transferred from 17-8-93.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 3422, transferred from 20-8-1993.

Year	Amount spent (Rs. in lakhs)
1988-89	0.61
1989-90	0.87
1990-91	6.43
1991-92	2.97
1992-93	2.10
Total :	12.98

(d) Hindustan Salts Ltd./Government of Himachal Pradesh have been advised to explore the possibility of setting-up the project in joint sector.

Inquiry into Disinvestments in PSUs

@@@4278. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the progress of enquiry regarding disinvestments in Public Sector Undertakings ;

(b) what are the names of the persons in the Committee which determined the value of shares and whether it is a fact that core group still exist ;

(c) what is the value of the share each of the Public Sector Undertakings determined by the Committee, what was the prices at which the shares were sold and what was their market value when shares were listed and sold ; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the exchequer lost over Rs. 10,000/- crore in the process and inspite of this the Members of the core group have been placed in the important position due to interlinkage ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (d) There was no loss to the exchequer due to disinvestment or PSU shares. Joint Parliamentary Committee enquiry is under progress in this regard. A Committee comprising representative of different Ministries and PSUs initially evaluted the shares and the final reseral price was fixed by the Government based on the guidelines issued by the then CCI. At the time of off-loading of shares by the Government, the shares of PSUs, baring a few, were not listed and traded in the stock exchanges. Since the shares were sold in bundles, individual sale price is not available.

Assurance of Equity Shares by PSUs

$4279. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Public Sector Undertakings have been allowed to issue the equity shares to investors through the public offer ;

(b) if so, the list of the Public Sector Undertakings which have already made the Public issue or have plans to make the public issue ;

(c) whether the Public Sector Undertakings have also been allowed to make public offer of equity shares to Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) ; and

(d) if so, the list of undertakings which have proposed to make offer to FIIs ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Top ten officers of Bokaro Site of Instrumentation Limited

4280. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the top ten officers of Bokaro Site of Instrumentation Limited, Kota, Rajasthan and the period of their stay there;

(b) the period for which they remained on tour in 1992-93 and remained present on the work site;

(c) T.A. and D.A. drawn on tour by them for the same period;

@@@Previously Unstarred Question 2601, transferred from 17-8-1993.

$Previously Unstarred Question 2633, transferred from 17-8-93.